



WE NOMINATE

Richard Allen Lester, distinguished young economist and chairman of Princeton University's Department of Economics and Social Institutions, who this past week—as the Western World prepared to translate plans and fears into armed actuality—was largely responsible for the publication of a carefully formulated statement in which 220 economists endorsed measures that should serve as a “principal line of defense” against inflation. The statement, prepared here last month and then distributed throughout the country for signature, was issued 24 hours before the national emergency was declared, and well in advance of the recently announced “rollbacks.”

In an era when many are mystified by some of the proposals outlined by persons in high places, the action of Lester and his associates came as refreshing re-assurance of the role education and research can play in the functioning of democracy. They set forth unvarnished fundamentals, insisted that “an ever-spreading system of direct controls could jeopardize our system of free enterprise and collective bargaining,” and concluded, “if adequate fiscal and credit measures are not employed, the country will face the ominous choice between continuous inflation and a prolonged application of widespread government price and wage controls.”

Lester, a 42-year old native of tiny Blaisdell,

N. Y., who entered academic life here some two decades ago, is representative of a new generation of scholar-teachers dedicated to the Wilsonian ideal of “education in the Nation's service.” Widely known in the field of labor economics, Lester, in addition to serving as a departmental head and professor of economics, holds forth as Research Associate in Princeton's unique Industrial Relations Section, the organization established in 1922 through funds provided by John D. Rockefeller Jr.

An alumnus of Yale, Lester obtained his advanced degrees at Princeton and appointments to the Princeton Faculty were followed by assignments at the University of Washington and Duke University. During World War II, at the end of which he returned here, Lester completed the equivalent of a full career as consultant to government agencies. His wartime posts included the chairmanship of the Southern Textile Commission of the War Labor Board and assignments with five other top-drawer groups of Washington policy-makers.

For helping develop mutually beneficial relationships between government, industry, labor and higher education; for providing the kind of leadership that privately sustained education must provide if it is to survive; for substituting tough-minded thinking for economic panaceas and shortcuts; he is TOWN TOPICS' nominee for

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Topics of the Town

What Kind of Christmas? The
calendar was proof that Monday
would be December 25, and more
than 19 centuries in the history of
mankind testified to the fact that
December 25 was Christmas Day.
A day of rejoicing, of quiet hap-
piness, of peace on earth and good
will toward men.

But this year, there was doubt
in the mind of "man. Peace no
longer reigned, and one nation,
balked at every turn in its cease-
less efforts to restore it in honor-
able fashion, could not but begin
to develop a slow hatred of an-
other nation, which was openly
dealing in treachery and lies as
the foundation for its program of
world conquest.

If peace had vanished into the
frozen wastes of Korea, and had
taken good will with it, what was
left of rejoicing and quiet hap-
piness? For the past three weeks,
it had been wholly apparent to
those strong enough to read the
face of the future that, even with-
out a global war, mounting sacri-
fices and possibly hardship lay
ahead.

It was apparent that in Wash-
ington, the administration was
procrastinating—partially through
the necessity for time in its all-out
production effort, partially because
it shrank from dealing out the
worst news at Christmas-time. But
forecasts were rife that scarcity,
inflation, heavy taxes and ration-
ing lay ahead—even if unsure
peace returned to the earth.

Still and all, the calendar did
indicate that December 25 was at
hand, and there was no denying,
it was Christmas. On the surface,
store windows were gaily decorated,
shops were more crowded than
ever, the opportunity for generous
giving was unsurpassed, Christmas
reds and greens were heart-warm-
ing, Christmas lights in and out-
side homes shone forth brightly.

But it was inside, where it
counted most, that you could be

sure it was Christmas. If it was a
time for concern and for realiza-
tion of the hard road that lay
ahead, it was also a time for re-
newed faith and for belief in the
future. And the fact that it might,
for some time to come, be the last
Christmas to bring with it all that
is best about this time of year
would make every moment count
that much more.

Quick Answer. Forty-eight hours
after the Town Topics Christmas
appeal had reached the Princeton
community, the minimum amount
sought for the grandmother and
granddaughter described last week
had been received. As had been
hoped, funds kept coming and at
press-time, \$727.11 was at hand,
the contribution of 142 men, wo-
men and children.

Gifts ranged from less than \$1 to
\$100, the latter the largest single
donation received since the first
appeal was made four years ago.
In addition to money, clothing and
a radio were contributed, as well
as the offer of a permanent home
in the event that threatened evis-
ceration of Mrs. S. and Dolly occurs.

The full story of the commu-
nity's generosity will not be known
until next week, but already it is
clear that Christmas has been
brought into this small home as it
has never been known before, and
that the work and worry of the
months ahead have been greatly
assuaged. For those who wonder

if a gift sent now will be of equal
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Big Sale Pending. If present
plans are not greatly altered, initial
operations by the Army Quarter-
master Corps on the 800-acre
Rockefeller Institute tract may
start about February 1. Final ar-
rangements, including completion
of the transaction and its approval
in Washington, have yet to be made,
but planning has reached the stage
where Princeton contractors and
several large insurance companies
are conferring with representatives
of the Rockefeller trustees on the
subject of housing.

The experimental laboratories
just East of U.S. Route 1, between
Plainsboro and Monmouth Junc-
tion, will have an annual budget
of \$6,000,000 about 75 percent of
the yearly expenditures of Prince-
ton University. The first estimate
of the number of employees is 600,
but there is a possibility that this
may increase to 800 when peak
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of military status (under the com-
mand of a brigadier general), with
the rest civilians, most of them
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skilled research scientists. Appointment as their director of a veteran scientist with two decades of experience in the DuPont Company is anticipated.

Already, a survey is being made of the impact of an increase in the Princeton community's population of 1,500 to 2,000 residents. Their arrival would, obviously, be spread out over a period of months, but a careful check must be made on several points, primarily among them public and private school facilities and housing. With no question of priorities for building materials, one aspect of the latter problem will be readily solved.

If the sale is consummated, a major change in the Princeton community will begin to take place, just as the area expanded in measurable fashion when the R.C.A. Laboratories chose to locate here. If the various complex problems of housing, schooling, increased municipal services, greater buying power, etc) could be solved in wholly satisfactory fashion, the town—and particularly its merchants—could not help but benefit from it.

That Man Again. Santa Claus was busier than ever, and so were his chief admirers. Over 3375 for the past week, he had talked to them each afternoon, listening to their requests, answering their questions about his activities and doing much to further the magical belief that is such a cornerstone of a happy childhood.

Enjoying his role hugely and playing it to the hilt, Henry Schultz, 65 years old and totally blind, reported two observations after an afternoon's conversation with those 3 to 6. "The requests they're making are a lot more reasonable than they were last year, and I think mothers who were at their sides when they telephoned are going to have a much easier time giving them what they want.

"Little boys, I must admit, are not quite as polite as the little girls I talk to," he went on. "I haven't had a fresh one in the lot but I get a lot more 'thank you's' from the girls. One youngster was so gracious that I told her to tell her mother that Santa Claus said she had acted just like a princess!"

Handy Men. In all Princeton—or a much wider area, for that matter—you won't find another automobile showroom like that now displaying the 1951 Packard at the Sylvester Motor Co., 259 Nassau Street. Proof of the fact is the four months spent by two men, owner John Sylvester and his brother-in-law, Charles Tindall (a four-letter athlete at Princeton High School in the 'thirties), in redesigning, remodeling and redecorating several hundred square feet of space.

While Mr. Sylvester admits that they spent three whole evenings on sketches for the new showroom and ended up by throwing them away, you'd never know it by looking at the finished product. White pine panelling graces the walls of the

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It's New to Us

With the end of this column comes the end of 1950 and the end of us as a columnist. Our feelings, as we bid you a fond farewell, are mainly nostalgia and gratitude; the former for what has been great fun for almost five years, the latter to our readers for being readers, to Princeton's shopkeepers for their cooperation and appreciation of what we've tried to do and to the editors of *Town Topics* for being such understanding and "unbossy" bosses. We wish our successor as much pleasure as we've had and shall always read "It's New to Us" and T.T. in its entirety with interest and affection.

MORE STOCKING STUFFERS. Things are going so fast that we can't guarantee the continued availability of anything we mention, but we'll cross our fingers and hope you get there in time.

For Women. At Thorne's the Revlon "Snowbaby", a frosty, chipper little snowman hugging a lipstick with mirror attached, adds holiday festiveness to a useable gift. Both Zavelle's and The Town Shop (12 Nassau) were at time of writing loaded with tricky, inexpensive better-than-gadgets.

Among Zavelle's collection are a "Fressup Kit," a leather case with four largish holes for carrying bob-

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bie or hair pins (\$1), a purse-size "Threadamatic" for \$1 (we don't have to tell you what a salvation they are), and two types of lipstick-like purse sewing kits—one with a thumble top for \$1.75, the other, screwing up just like a lipstick for \$1, both filled with different colored threads and several needles.

At The Town Shop are really good, gold-tooled flat leather cases from which hangs a grosgrain ribbon. When you pull the ribbon, five acetate photograph holders pop up for easy showing off of children, beaus or who-have-you. They're \$1.50 in different colors.

A gold bobbie pin holder there snaps open easily, is made original by "I Love You" in various languages hand-painted on the case, \$1.15. A really handsome, between-bronze-and-gold metal case holds a comb that, when opened, stays attached to the case which provides a long handle for easier use; \$1.75. There too are (or were) tiny, leather-covered lipstick cases which open to reveal a complete, miniature manicure set, \$1.25.

At Better Mousetrap, 164 Nassau, is a travelling perfumer, i.e., leather case complete with two bottles, and funnel for filling them, in a choice of colors for \$1.95. After opening their stockings this Christmas, there's no excuse for any feminine pocketbook to be anything but neat, nor for any lady to be caught without anything!

For kitchen-dwellers there's the new "Savorizer" at Farr Hardware. It looks more like a hypodermic needle than a kitchen utensil, and its function is to inject spices and flavoring directly into meat, fowl or fish, thereby tenderizing and "savorizing" them much more thoroughly than you can do with any exterior treatment. "Savorizer" is \$1.49, complete with directions and suggestions for tastier eating.

Also at Farr's is "Slice-a-Slice", a small instrument that fits over a loaf of pre-sliced bread and enables you to cut the slices in half. It's wonderful for tea sandwiches, Melba toast and such; \$1.95.

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showroom and offices, while acoustically-treated tile has been installed on the ceiling, the latter project alone requiring some 10,000 nails. The color scheme throughout is particularly pleasing.
All of the work, including carpentry, drilling, plumbing and wiring, was done by them, with assistance or advice from others replaced by old-fashioned "know-how." It's well worth a look—as is the "backyard 360" in the center of the showroom.

Yuletide Programs. Two community events will mark the holiday season here. The Lions Club Christmas Carol singing program will start at 6 Sunday on Palmer Square, with distribution of candy canes to the children to be followed by selections by the high school choir (led by Thomas Hilbich), the Group Arts and Y.W.C.A. chorus (led by Rev. Benjamin J. Anderson) and community singing. After Santa Claus appears on the rooftop at 6:45, adults are invited by the Nassau Tavern to partake of hot refreshments in its grill room.

Next Thursday evening from 6 to 8, more than a dozen civic and fraternal organizations will give the children of Princeton a Christmas party at the Masonic Temple, corner of John and MacLean Streets. All youngsters from 3 to 10 are invited to attend.

Toys, fruit, nuts, ice cream and cookies will be given to all, and carols will be sung. The committee in charge is headed by Frederick B. Goldsborough, with Mrs. Emma Epps, secretary; Mrs. Sally Jordan, treasurer; and George Holmes, chaplain.

Miscellany. Fire Commissioner James L. Briere, Jr. thinks the department's new \$17,500 pumper may be a jinx. Within a week after it went into service, two general alarms were sounded in a 24-hour period.

Monday morning, soon after sun-up, flames gutted the room at 13 Patton on the University campus, starting either from a cigarette, a fire in the grate or possibly because the occupant was an undergraduate by the name of Sparks.

Tuesday morning, 1 Chambers Terrace (home of the Chapin School) sustained routine damage when fire broke out between the walls. Mr. Briere believes the cause may have been an overheated hot oil lamp from the furnace. Retiring after 12 years on the council, he was honored at the annual borough dinner Saturday night and received a suitably engraved watch.

Representatives of two Trenton locals are seeking to unionize employees at the Nassau Tavern, a move which the hotel management, is resisting. It has advised those interested in collective bargaining to form a group of their own, which it will recognize, but has stated it will not negotiate with the union. The latter plans to organize all eating places and bars here which fall within its jurisdiction.

Sons have been born to Mr. & Mrs. Charles Reinbeck, 327 Nassau; Mr. & Mrs. Peter J. McCrohan, 122 Harold; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lees, 46 College Road; Mr. & Mrs. James Kerney, Jr., 33 Cleveland; Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Carley, 69 Alexander; daughters to Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Bedford, J.L. Snowden Lane. Mr. & Mrs. Tristram B. Johnson, 46 Westcott.

The Hospital Aid Committee, netting \$1,972.09 from its fall rummage sale, has added this to the proceeds of two spring sales and paid off another \$3,000 on its \$21,000 pledge to the hospital building fund, leaving \$12,000 to go.

The hearing on the protest against the storage building being erected on Route 31 was postponed until January 15 . . . the complete curriculum of the new term planned by the Princeton Adult School, which opens January 11, will appear in Town Topics next week. Watch for it, and pick one or two of the interesting courses.

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News of the Theatres

THE PLAYHOUSE

Never a Dull Moment (Thurs.-Sat.) casts Irene Dunne as a successful Broadway songwriter who marries rancher Fred MacMurray and settles down to solve the problems of a rough and ready life in the cow country. The story has some charm but is often incredibly slow, and, for all her other ability as an actress, Miss Dunne would have done well to bypass the three songs she attempts to put across.

Rio Grande (Sun.-Tues.) will bring those who like a well-made western an extra Christmas present. Directed by the veteran John Ford, here's a colorful, action-filled drama of Indian fighting by the U. S. cavalry in post-Civil War Days. The Texas-Mexican setting provides picturesque photography, while the story of a cavalry officer and his son who wants to follow in his footsteps maintains a good pitch of interest. John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara head an able cast.

American Guerilla in the Philippines (Wed.-Sat.) sentences Tyrone Power to three years in these Pacific islands as his naval torpedo squadron is shot up and he and a few survivors battle the Japanese until MacArthur returns. Intermittent scenes are good, but the picture runs an hour and three-quarters and often drags noticeably. Micheline Prele is the romantic interest.

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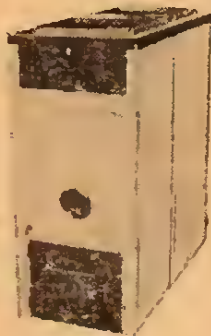
The Sundowners (Fri.-Sat.) is a conventional western (in color) that spins a yarn of feuding and fighting over land, money and women. Well-paced for those who favor this sort of entertainment. With Robert Preston, Cathy Downs.

Dumbo and Saludos Amigos (Mon.-Tues.), a pair of Walt Disney pictures averaging about 45 minutes apiece, provide The Garden's holiday fare. (It's a sort of "fight-fire-with-fire" move, since Disney's artistry will also be on television Christmas afternoon.) "Dumbo" records the adventures of a happy-go-lucky elephant and his friends; "Saludos Amigos" is Disney's excursion into Latin America. Both are enjoyable for all the family.

Woman on the Run (Wed.-Thurs.) is the description given Ann Sheridan, as she hunts for her husband (Ross Elliott) who has disappeared after witnessing a murder. Dennis O'Keefe, cast as a reporter interested in interviewing the missing man, aids in the search. Bungled scripwriting kills off much of the suspense and inadequate acting serves to cool off any remaining commendation the picture might have drawn.

The Gariboo Trail (Fri.-Sat.) is the trek taken by Randolph Scott and Gabby Hayes, as they drive a herd of cattle across the U.S.-Canadian border into British Columbia. Set in the 1880's, the film spins a yarn of cattle rustling and gold prospecting that is dotted with fights and occasional romance. An average western that will cheer the school set on its holiday week.

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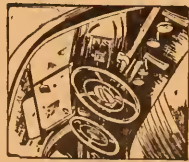
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Surprise. It's been several years since a Princeton basketball team began a season by winning four in a row. Since the Tigers do not overemphasize the sport by starting practice the day college opens in January, the Fall—as many a court squad throughout the nation does—they are at something of a disadvantage in the early games.

Add to this the fact that one or two of the key players are usually on the injured list, and you have a recipe for disaster. The Tigers' roster is so thin that they have to use players from the minor league system to fill out the roster. Last year's quintet, for example, lost seven before it won two. This year, the Tigers' starting pitcher, Dwight Gooden, who then became the cohesive unit of the team, was injured, which set up a streak of ten losses in a row. The Tigers' Eastern title in 18 years

With four of the five starters on that outfit gone and no experienced players on the bench as replacements, it was hardly to be expected that the Orange and Black would have through its first four games beaten. The opposition included two rather ordinary teams at home (Marquette and Bucknell), then a very good team at Princeton, and a superb one at Yale. The Orange and Black's only consolation was that it had beaten the East's better outfits (Colgate) and the Dillon Gym.

By way of contrast, last year's team lost to three of those four opponents, although it must be noted that the defeats by Lafayette and Colgate came away from home. In basketball, the site of the game is sometimes figured to make much as ten points difference between two teams.

The Tigers' most recent triumph on Friday night, was an uphill battle. The team had a 34-win record over a Colgate entry that had been good enough to win the Garden earlier in the week. The Red Raiders had four out of five and had best Cornell in a highly-regarded Cornell triumph on the Ithacans' floor. Interim coach had an 18-12 margin around the mid-way point in the period, but was tied at 18-all at the floor behind by a 35-31 effort at the intermission. The visitors' worst shuttling reserves back forth in a manner that threatened to wear down the six or seven starters. Captain Cappy and Dick made the difference. Cliff Kure and Dick made the difference. The manager, incidentally, are off the bench for one year to devote more time to the football which suffered during the football season.

The Tigers' four-point deficit at half was quickly erased. Foster, 6-7 sophomore center who

six-point lead of the first half when it ran the count to 48-42. It was at this juncture that Fred Tritschler, fast sophomore forward, began to click beautifully with his push shots. He got 20 points in all to take scoring honors.

The visitors again staged a rally, moving from a 54-47 deficit to pare Princeton's lead to 36-34. There was half a minute to go, but Cooper was in possession. Cooper was out on fouls and the Fed Raiders had the foul under the basket.

Mike Kearns squelched the threat with a well-timed steal of a pass, fed Tritschler for a quick break and the lay-up that curled in and sealed the outcome. Chuck Devco converted on a foul with two seconds to go for the victors' final point.

Despite the marked contrast between the start this year's team has made and the difficulty last season's Tigers had in getting untracked, it does not seem likely that Princeton will rank as a serious contender for the league title it is defending. It is not even potentially as good an outfit as last year's, while Columbia, Cornell and Penn all appear to be improved.

But basketball in Dillon Gyni will be thoroughly worth watching in the weeks ahead, for the Tigers have obvious ability and with Caputo at the helm will always be well coached. They're off on a holiday trip next week, playing Ohio State and Michigan State in a tournament at East Lansing and visiting Rochester for a game before opening their league schedule here on Saturday, January 6, against Harvard.

Setbacks on Ice. The hockey season has been a rough one for the Red Wings, with the team losing its first two games, dropping into the West division, and losing its first round of the playoffs. Michigan checked out of the tournament, losing two games from the Tigers by scores of 11-4 and 10-2. The deficits were not unexpected, but the margin was disappointing, particularly in view of the 8-6 count to which Princeton had held the Wolverines a year ago. The first contest was a close affair, with the Nassau skaters outscoring the Red Wings in two periods, with the Nassau skaters bent only by a goal on a 146 shot. The second period was a rout, with the Nassau skaters scoring five goals. Michigan's first round loss was a decisive one, with the mid-westerners a decisive 10-1 triumph.

Dick Vaughan's charges took a brief lead when Bill Gall rammed the puck into the home team's cage at 4:25. Then assist by Johnny Holtman: the visitors moved

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Don Mathey of Cedar Grove Road, now in his third year on the varsity, lends experience to Dick Vaughan's skaters. He is flanked by two classmates, Ernie Montgomery and Captain Chuck Werdin. Mathey scored both Princeton's goals in the second game against Michigan.

High School Losses. Despite another 15 points by Buster Thomas, giving him 43 in two games, Princeton High School's basketball team went down before Native 45-49 whitewash.

Despite their trouble, the Princeton Tigers are expected to make up for their losses in their own Penn State League, where the brand of Princeton football is expected to be the best the West can offer. For example, they knocked off a Rutgers team from New York A.C. team, 5-4, and a Penn State team, 10-0, including champion in the circuit, 7-5.

The Tigers have their first two games in Portogruaro play with the

Short Notes. Pete Gall, whose brother Bill is on the vastly hockey team, scored three goals for the freshmen as Johnny Siegmans' yearlings topped the Harrison Maple Leafs in their opener Saturday, 6-3. Gall is one of four Canadians.

Dr. Nathan Kasrel
OPTOMETRIST
Eye Examinations

on the squad which includes Pete Rossmasser and Brandon Hart, both of whom learned their hockey at Princeton Country Day.

First indications are that the influx of good basketball material here has dropped off sharply with the class of 1934. For the past three years, Eddie Donovan's yearlings have had one unbeaten season and two others in which they won all but a couple of a dozen games on their schedule.

They won't face outside opposition until January 6, but the report on a game which they lost, 42-27, material this Winter is scarce. An exception appears to be Don Reutlinger, all-State a year ago at Mullin High.

Four Princeton area boys are on Hun School's basketball squad: Bill Hoggart, George Tidey and Ted Kopp of this community, and Jerry Spasek of Penns Neck. Hoggart got 27 in the opener but Hun lost to George School, 43-35. The Red and Black also dropped a game to Newark Academy before starting on a mid-western trip last

The sports item voted the most humorous of the year was occasioned by Princeton's championship football team. The story goes that when Herman Hickman asked his chief scout, big Jack Lavelle, how best to prepare for the game with the Tigers, Lavelle summed up his solution in one word: "Cancel!"

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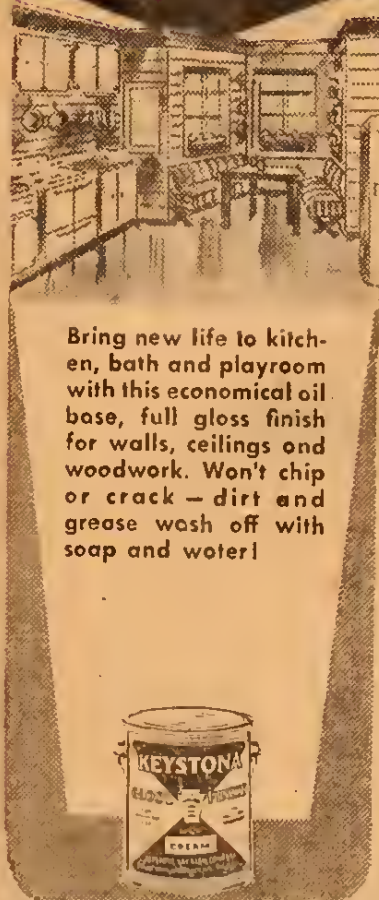
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Calendar of the Week

Friday, December 22d
9:00-11:00 a.m. Special Children's Skating Session, Baker Rink.
3:00-5:00 p.m. "Direct Line to Santa Claus at the North Pole," telephone 3375. Line also open same hours Saturday.
7:30 p.m.: Y.M.C.A. Christmas Party, Witherspoon Center.
8:00-10:00 p.m. Public Skating, Baker Rink.
Majority of stores open until 9:00 p.m. for last-minute shopping!

Saturday, December 23d
Borough Hall Offices closed
8:00-10:00 p.m.: Public Skating, Baker Rink.

Sunday, December 24th
7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 a.m. Mass, St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.
10:30 a.m. "The Bethlehem Inn," Rev. Milton J. Naus, Lutheran Service of Worship, Chapel, Westminster Choir College.
11:00 a.m. "A Christmas Reaffirmation of Faith," Rev. Robert H. Carley, First Presbyterian Church.
"When the Word Becomes Flesh," Rev. Dr. William L. Tucker, Second Presbyterian Church.
Prayer and Sermon, Rev. Dr. John V. Butler, Trinity Episcopal Church.
University Chapel Service, Rev. Mr. H. Keith Beebe, University Chapel.
In the Fullness of Time, Rev. Mr. Roland F. Chandler, Princeton Baptist Church at Penn Neck.
"Is There Room in Your Life for Jesus?" Rev. Mr. Charles W. Mark, Methodist Church.
"The Greatest Gift in the World," Rev. Mr. Benjamin J. Anderson, Witherspoon Presbyterian Church.
Friends Meeting for Worship: Y.W.C.A., 202 Nassau Street.
"God's Unspokeable Gift," Rev. Dr. William T. Parker, First Baptist Church.
"The Love of God," Rev. Mr. John W. Johnson, Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church.
"Christ Jesus," Lesson-Sermon, First Church of Christ, Scientist.
Morning Prayer and Sermon; Trinity Church, Rocky Hill.
4:00 p.m. Church School Christmas Pageant; Trinity Church.
4:30 p.m. Vesper Christmas Carol Service; Second Church.
6:00 p.m.: Traditional Christmas Eve Program, sponsored by the Princeton Lions Club; Carol-Singing, with Santa Claus appearing on the Palmer Square rooftop at 8:45; hot refreshments in Nassau Tavern Grill, room at 630, Palmer Square.
7:15 p.m. Church School Christmas Program; Witherspoon Church.
8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, First Church.
"Homage to the King," Rev. Mr. Chandler, Princeton Baptist Church at Penn Neck.
Christmas Musical Program, Four Choirs and Male Chorus; First Baptist Church.
Carol Christmas Program, Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church.
8:15 p.m.: Annual Christmas Choral Concert; Witherspoon Church.
Evening Service; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Monday, December 25th
MERRY CHRISTMAS!
7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 a.m. Mass, St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Dean Donald B. Aldrich, University Chapel.
Holy Communion, Trinity Church.
10:30 a.m. "The Babe in the Manger," Rev. Mr. Naus, Lutheran Christmas Service; Chapel, Westminster Choir College.
11:00 a.m.: Holy Communion and Address, Rev. Dr. Butler, Trinity Church.

Wednesday, December 27th
9:00-11:00 a.m. Special Children's Skating Session; Baker Rink. Also special sessions for children at same hours Thursday and Friday.
8:00 p.m.: Year-end Meeting, Borough Council; Borough Hall.
Prayer and Study, Rev. Dr. Frank S. Niles; First Church.
Mid-Week Chapel; Methodist Church.
8:15 p.m.: Mid-Week Service; Witherspoon Church.
Mid-Week Meeting; First Church of Christ, Scientist.
8:30 p.m.: Mid-Week Hours of Prayer; First Baptist and Mt. Pisgah Churches.

Thursday, December 28th
9:00-11:00 a.m. Special Children's Skating Session; Baker Rink. Also special sessions for children at same hours Thursday and Friday.
8:00 p.m.: Year-end Meeting, Borough Council; Borough Hall.
Prayer and Study, Rev. Dr. Frank S. Niles; First Church.
Mid-Week Chapel; Methodist Church.
8:15 p.m.: Mid-Week Service; Witherspoon Church.
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8:30 p.m.: Mid-Week Hours of Prayer; First Baptist and Mt. Pisgah Churches.

Friday, December 29th
9:00-11:00 a.m. Special Children's Skating Session; Baker Rink. Also special sessions for children at same hours Thursday and Friday.
8:00 p.m.: Year-end Meeting, Borough Council; Borough Hall.
Prayer and Study, Rev. Dr. Frank S. Niles; First Church.
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Saturday, December 30th
9:00-11:00 a.m. Special Children's Skating Session; Baker Rink. Also special sessions for children at same hours Thursday and Friday.
8:00 p.m.: Year-end Meeting, Borough Council; Borough Hall.
Prayer and Study, Rev. Dr. Frank S. Niles; First Church.
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Sunday, December 31st
9:00-11:00 a.m. Special Children's Skating Session; Baker Rink. Also special sessions for children at same hours Thursday and Friday.
8:00 p.m.: Year-end Meeting, Borough Council; Borough Hall.
Prayer and Study, Rev. Dr. Frank S. Niles; First Church.
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Monday, January 1st
9:00-11:00 a.m. Special Children's Skating Session; Baker Rink. Also special sessions for children at same hours Thursday and Friday.
8:00 p.m.: Year-end Meeting, Borough Council; Borough Hall.
Prayer and Study, Rev. Dr. Frank S. Niles; First Church.
Mid-Week Chapel; Methodist Church.
8:15 p.m.: Mid-Week Service; Witherspoon Church.
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8:30 p.m.: Mid-Week Hours of Prayer; First Baptist and Mt. Pisgah Churches.

Tuesday, January 2nd
9:00-11:00 a.m. Special Children's Skating Session; Baker Rink. Also special sessions for children at same hours Thursday and Friday.
8:00 p.m.: Year-end Meeting, Borough Council; Borough Hall.
Prayer and Study, Rev. Dr. Frank S. Niles; First Church.
Mid-Week Chapel; Methodist Church.
8:15 p.m.: Mid-Week Service; Witherspoon Church.
Mid-Week Meeting; First Church of Christ, Scientist.
8:30 p.m.: Mid-Week Hours of Prayer; First Baptist and Mt. Pisgah Churches.

Wednesday, January 3rd
9:00-11:00 a.m. Special Children's Skating Session; Baker Rink. Also special sessions for children at same hours Thursday and Friday.
8:00 p.m.: Year-end Meeting, Borough Council; Borough Hall.
Prayer and Study, Rev. Dr. Frank S. Niles; First Church.
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